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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
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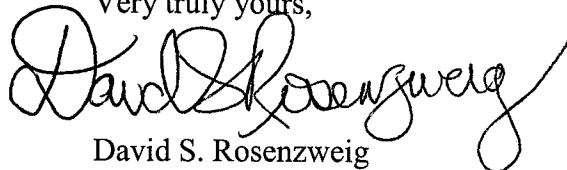
Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-27

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

I am writing on behalf of NSTAR Gas Company, Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company (together "NSTAR") in response to the Hearing Officer's directive for parties to indicate their intent with respect to the submission of a direct case. At this time, given the early stage in the proceeding, NSTAR does not intend on filing a direct case. If, as a result of responses to information requests or unanticipated changes in the scope of the proceeding, NSTAR foresees a need to file a direct case, it will timely apprise the Department of Telecommunications and Energy and all parties to this proceeding of that intent.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. Rosenzweig", written in a cursive style.

David S. Rosenzweig

cc: Caroline Bulger, Hearing Officer
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